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(01.00): HEALTH (03.00: TRANSPORTATION 05.00)
ENERGY (08.00)

REF: (A) MOSCOW 14357, (B) STATE 190503, (C) LENINGRAD 1295,
(D) STATE 212922

1. SCI COUNS MET OCTOBER 13 WITH AYKAZYAN, AMERICAN
DESK, STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, FOR
REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES (REF A) IN WHICH SCST
HAS OFFERED HELP UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT OF JULY 8, 1977. FOLLOWING
ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:
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(A) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT - MICRO-
BIOLOGY (01-07-05)

AYKAZYAN PROVIDED LETTER FROM KIRILLIN TO DR. PRESS
IN RESPONSE TO PRESS LETTER (REF B), STATING SOVIETS
SUGGEST MEETINGS OF COORDINATORS AND SEMINAR ON PROJECT

FIVE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR IN RIGA. LETTER ALSO STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE WILL SEND NEAREST FUTURE LETTER TO LIESE ON SUGGESTIONS FOR GEO-MICRO-BIOLOGY PROJECT. (INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF KIRILLIN LETTER BEING SENT SEPTTEL).

(B) VISIT TO KAMCHATKA BY GEO-THERMAL EXPORTS
(08.02-10)

AYKAZYAN SAID THAT AFTER DISCUSSION WITH SCICOUNS SEPTEMBER 29 HE HAD DISCUSSED KAMCHATKA VISIT WITH MPE, MAL'TSEV. MAL'TSEV HAD INFORMED AYKZAYAN THAT MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY IS PERSONALLY TRYING TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR VISIT OF U.S. EXPERTS. WHEN ASKED BY SCICOUNS WHETHER KIRILLIN WOULD INTERVENE, AYKAZYAN SAID KIRILLIN WOULD GET INVOLVED ONLY IF IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY (IN THIS CASE MPE) WAS NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY VIGOROUS. THIS WAS NOT THE CASE IF NEPOROZHNIY HIMSELF WAS INVOLVED.

(C) HEALTH EVACUATION FROM BIG DIOMEDE ISLAND
(04.00)

AYKAZYAN STATED HE HAD CONSULTED WITH BALABOLKIN AND MALYSHEV, MOH, WHO REPORTED THAT MINISTRY HAD SUPPORTED U.S. PROPOSAL. SCICOUNS NOTED
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THAT SCST INTERVENTION HERE IS AT FAR TOO LOW A LEVEL TO MAKE A DIFERENCE, TO WHICH AYKAZYAN RESPONDED THAT EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN AT HIGH LEVEL WITH MFA. SCICOUNS REGISTERED DISAPPOINTMENT AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF THE SOVIET REFUSAL BECAME PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE LONG HISTORY OF HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT BY THE ALASKAN NATIVE HEALTH SERVICE TO SOVIETS REQUIRING EMERGENCY TREATMENT.

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(D) ICEBREAKERS (05.05)

AYKAZYAN NOTED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AT
TRANSPORTATION JCM FOR SPECIALISTS TO DISCUSS
ICE TRANSITING PROGRAM AGAIN IN MOSCOW EARLY
NEXT YEAR. HE DID NOT DETAIL ANY HIGH-LEVEL INITIATIVES
THE SCST HAS OR WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PERMIT U.S.
ACCESS TO SOVIET NUCLEAR ICEBREAKERS.

(E) EXIT VISAS FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES (21.00)

SCICOUNS PROVIDED AYKAZYAN INFORMATION ON LEVIN-
STANKEVICH CASE (REFTEL C) UNDERLINING THE NEED
FOR ALL U.S. GRANTEES TO BE IN CONSTANT POSSESSION
OF A VALID EXIT VISA. AYKAZYAN STATED THAT
AFTER AMBASSADOR HAD RAISED THIS
ISSUE WITH KIRILLIN DURING MEETING IN JULY,
SCST HAD REVIEWED THIS ISSUE WITH MFA AND LEARNED
THAT EXIT VISAS WERE TO BE PART OF A LARGER PACKAGE
FOR BILATERAL CONSULAR TALKS. AYKAZYAN DISPLAYED
GREAT INTEREST IN LEVIN-STANKEVICH CASE, STATING THAT
SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE CONSIDERED NEED FOR
POSSESSION OF VALID EXIT VISA AS A "RATHER ABSTRACT"
ISSUE; CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF HOW ABSENCE OF EXIT VISA WORKS SEVERE
HARDSHIP ON EXCHANGEES IS VERY HELPFUL FOR SCST
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IN PURSUING MATTER FURTHER WITH MFA. AYKAZYAN
STATED KIRILLIN OR GIVISHIANI WOULD WRITE LETTER
TO MFA ON THIS ISSUE.

(F) TRAVEL OF EMBASSY WITH SCIENCE DELEGATIONS:

SCICOUNS NOTED THAT IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES SOVIET
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES HAVE STATED THAT THEIR
ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE HOTEL AND
TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS
TO ACCOMPANY U.S. DELEGATIONS, EVEN THOUGH NOTICE IS
GIVEN WELL IN ADVANCE. SCICOUNS STATED THAT IT IS

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE THESE
RESERVATIONS AS TRAVEL PLANS AND HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT FREQUENTLY FIXED UNTIL LAST MOMENT.
AYKAZYAN STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY KNEW OF NO
OBSTACLE FOR TECHNICAL MINISTRIES TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS IF SUFFICIENT NOTICE
IS GIVEN, AND PROMISED TO CHECK MATTER WITH UPDK.
HE SAID THAT SCST IS HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS
WITH SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AND
THAT UNIFORM POLICY ON TRAVEL ON EMBASSY OFFICERS
WITH DELEGATIONS WILL BE FORMULATED. AYKAZYAN
NOTED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD INFORMED HIM
THAT ON OCCASION U.S. HOST AGENCIES HAVE REFUSED
TO MAKE HOTEL AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS FOR THEM, BUT WAS
NOT SPECIFIC AS TO WHICH AGENCIES INVOLVED OR DATES.
ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH U.S. HOST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE
REFUSED TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE TO SOVIET EMBASSY
OFFICERS, ASSUMING THAT TIMELY NOTIFICATION WAS GIVEN.
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